

Boy Scouts of America

Law

Scout Information

Welcome to the Learning Center, where you can learn about the judicial branch of government.

This packet includes discussion questions that will help you fulfill merit badge requirements and a map that shows where in the Learning Center you'll find some of the answers. We've also included extra sources of information if you're interested in learning more.

Please enjoy the Learning Center, including the computers and push-button questions. (Remember, all the questions read from left to right.) Have fun and thank you for visiting!

Law

Room 2

1) Define "law". Tell some of its sources. Describe functions it serves.

Computer interactive—Courtroom Overview: Our Government & Community: Laws

1. What is law?

2A) Discuss two of the following: Justinian Code, the Code of Hammurabi and the Magna Carta.

Major Events Leading Up to the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution

1. What is the Hammurabi Code and when was it written?


2. What was the first code of Roman law?

3. What is the Justinian Code and who wrote it?

4. What is another name for the Justinian Code?

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2B) Discuss two of the following: The development of the jury system.	The Jury 
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1. Why do we have a jury?

2. Do you think having a jury is beneficial or not to the public?

Civil Trial	Misdemeanor Trial	Criminal Trial
1. How many jurors? _____	1. How many jurors? _____	1. How many jurors? _____
2. How many must agree for a guilty verdict? _____	2. How many must agree for a guilty verdict? _____	2. How many must agree for a guilty verdict? _____
3. What kinds of crimes are tried in civil trials? _____ _____ _____	3. What kinds of crimes are tried in misdemeanor trials? _____ _____ _____	3. What kinds of crimes are tried in criminal trials? _____ _____ _____

2C) Discuss two of the following:	Two famous trials in history
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<p>Trial 1</p> <p>What was the name?</p> <hr/> <p>Who was involved?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>What amendments or laws were involved?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>What happened?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Why is it important?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Trial 2</p> <p>What was the name?</p> <hr/> <p>Who was involved?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>What amendments or laws were involved?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>What happened?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Why is it important?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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Further information:

- See also **Third Branch of Government; Civil War Roots; Miranda Rights; Abortion Rights; Desegregation; The Kalamazoo School Case; Sweet Victory; Excusable Homicide; Monkey Trial; Can the Camera; Mr. Fugitive**

3) Tell what civil law is; tell what criminal law is. Tell the main differences between them. Give examples of each.	Computer Interactive
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1. What is criminal law?

2. What is civil law?

3. What are their main differences?

4. Give some examples of each.

Further information:

- See also **The Jury: Criminal Case; The Jury: Civil Case**

9) Make a list of 15 jobs that deal with some aspects of law or legal processes. Tell which you prefer. Why?	Courtroom Community
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1. Name jobs that deal with the law.

2. What job would you most like to have and why?

3. What do you think is the most important job and why?

Further information:

- See also **the Judge; the Defense Attorney; Notable Justices; the Plaintiff**

Room 4

5) Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller. Tell about several organizations that provide help to consumers and sellers.	The Law of Business
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1. What laws protect consumers from monopolies?

2. What is a "breach of contract?"

3. Why are laws that protect consumers important?

4. Why are laws that protect the sellers important?

Further information:

- See also **Product Liability: Who Is to Blame?**

Room 4

11A) Discuss with your counselor the importance in our society of two of the following areas of law that have recently emerged and are still developing: Environmental Law.	Environmental Law
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1. What factors have led to damage to our environment?

2. Name some important court cases regarding the environment.

3. Are environmental laws important? Why or why not?

4. What can you do to protect the environment?

Room 4

11B) Discuss with your counselor the importance in our society of two of the following areas of law that have recently emerged and are still developing: Computers and the Internet.

Business Law: Electronic Business

1. What is electronic business?

2. What are some problems with electronic business and what can be done about them?

3. What other problems can occur with computers and the Internet?

Further information:

- See also **Computers: Technology in the Courtroom**